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SUBJECT: LOYALIST PARAMILITARY GROUP LAUNCHES FEUD

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1. BELFAST RELIEVED BY REPORTS THAT OFFICIAL IRA AND BREAKAWAY IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (IRSP) HAD AGREED MEDIATE DIFFERENCES THAT HAVE LED TO TWO FATAL SHOOTINGS, SOME FORTY INJURIES BY GUNFIRE AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER BOMBINGS SINCE MID-DECEMBER 1974. RELIEF SHORT-LIVED HOWEVER AS TWO YOUNG PROTESTANTS MACHINE GUNNED IN APPARENT EXECUTION IN BAR MARCH 15. LOYALIST ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) IN BELFAST PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 17 CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTION OF TWO FOR BEING MEMBERS OF SIX-MAN KILLER SQUAD IN ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS (UFF) AN AFFILIATE OF ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) WHICH BLAMED BY UVF FOR KILLING AT LEAST ONE MEMBER UVF. PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDED CLAIMS FOR EXECUTION PROVISIONAL IRA MAN JOHN FRANCIS GREEN IN COUNTY MONAGHAN JANUARY 1975 (REFTEL A), RECENT DOORSTEP KILLINGS TWO CATHOLICS AND TWO RECENT BOMBINGS CATHOLIC-OWNED PUBS BELFAST. UVF UNCLASSIFIED

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CLAIMED MOTIVE FOR ONE OF THESE WAS ATTEMPT TO

ASSASSINATE VISITING OFFICIAL IRA LEADER CATHAL GOULDING. LATTER CLAIM APPARENTLY MADE TO REFUTE UDA CHARGES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UVF AND OFFICIAL IRA TO ATTACK UDA AND IRSP. UVF ANNOUNCED INTENT CONTINUE CAMPAIGN AGAINST "SECTARIAN KILLERS" AND BLAMED UDA UNITS FOR OTHER BOMB ATTACKS ON CATHOLIC PREMISES INCLUDING ONE MARCH 16 IN BANGOR THAT KILLED WOMAN RESERVE CONSTABLE IN ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

2. IN CURIOUS WAY BELFAST REACTION TO NEW FEUD NOT RPT NOT AS PROFOUND AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED. FEUDS ARE DESCRIBED AS "MAFIA-TYPE" OR "CHICAGO-GANGSTER TYPE" AND GENERAL COMMUNITY SEEMS HAVE ATTITUDE THAT LOYALIST OR REPUBLICAN FEUDS PREFERABLE TO SECTARIAN BOMBINGS AND SHOOTINGS THAT INDISCRIMINATE EXCEPT FOR GEOGRAPHY OR RELIGION. ROBERT FISK OF LONDON TIMES WHO WRITING BOOK ON ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL STRIKE MAY 1974 BELIEVES MUCH UDA/UVF ANIMOSITY DATES FROM THAT PERIOD AND DUE TO MUNDANE RIVALRIES OVER OWNERSHIP BARS AND CLUBS AND DIVISION PROFITS FROM COLLECTIONS. THERE MAY WELL ALSO BE MORE SERIOUS IDEALOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LOYALIST GROUPS. UVF CARRIES NICKNAME "WOMBLES" AND PROFESSES HAVE BOTH INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY AND BETTER MILITARY CAPABILITY THROUGH NUMBER VETERANS ARMED FORCES WHO MEMBERS UVF. IT EQUALLY BELIEVED UVF MORE COMMITTED TO POLITICAL MOBILIZATION WORKING-CLASS NORTHERN IRELAND AND IN THIS PARTICULAR COMMITMENT IS NOT RPT NOT TOO FAR FROM AIMS OFFICIAL IRA. THEY DIFFER WIDELY HOWEVER IN THAT REPUBLICANS RETAIN ATTACHMENT FOR CONCEPT UNITED IRELAND WHICH ANATHEMA TO UVF.

3. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, ULSTER DEFENSE REGIMENT VEHICLE HIT LAND MINE FIVE MILES OUTSIDE NEWRY MARCH 14 IN INCIDENT SOME TRACE TO NEWRY PROVISIONAL IRA RESENTMENT OVER SEARCH CATHEDRAL (REFTEL B). BELFAST PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN CONTINUING EFFORTS MINIMIZE REACTION TO SHOOTING BY ARMY OF TWO CATHOLICS (REFTEL C) BUT PROVISIONALS APPARENTLY ARE MAINTAINING CONDITION OF WHAT THEY TERM "RED ALERT" AND ARE PREPARED TO TAKE "DEFENSIVE ACTION" PENDING GOVERNMENT CLARIFICATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SHOOTING.

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